

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A method of forming a recess in the head of a fastener comprising the steps of:

forming a cross slotted recess portion into said fastener head extending a first depth from a top and a bottom, and having an overall cross slot geometry, said slots being formed by opposing walls, wherein said opposing walls converge symmetrically, from said top to said bottom, at an included angle according to the standard for type Ia fasteners.

11. (Original) A method of forming a recess in the head of a fastener, as described in claim 10, wherein said included angle is 2.5 degrees.

12. (Original) A method of forming a recess in the head of a fastener, as described in claim 10, wherein said opposing walls are each inclined at an angle of 1.25 degrees to the vertical to cause said convergence.

13. (Original) A method of forming a recess in the head of a fastener, as described in claim 10, further comprising the step of:

forming a square recess portion into said fastener head extending a second depth from said top, and having an overall square geometry, wherein said second depth is less than said first depth, whereby said overall square geometry is within said overall cross slot geometry.

14-23 (Cancelled)